

**4VAC15-40-276 (NEW). Game: In General: Sale of small game animals and parts.**

**Summary:**

The proposal is to allow for the purchase and sale of small game carcasses, parts, and taxidermy mounts by any person at any time.

**Proposed language of amendment:**

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It shall be lawful for any person to purchase or sell skins, pelts, skulls, bones, teeth, claws, feet, tails, hair, feathers, taxidermy mounts, and other non-meat parts of legally taken and possessed rabbits, squirrels, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, and pheasants.

**Rationale:**

In 2016, the General Assembly passed enabling legislation (SB152) that provided the Department with the authority to regulate the sale of wildlife parts. Current laws allow for the sale of most furbearer and cervid parts, but the sale of small game parts is presently prohibited. Craft vendors, thrift store owners, and others have requested that the Department pass a regulation that allows for the purchase and sale of legally possessed small game animal parts. This proposal is not expected to impact small game harvest or population levels. The proposal provides consistency with regard to the sale of small game, furbearer, and cervid parts in Virginia.